



South Suburban College Transfer Guide Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

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Special Education Program Description

The major in Special Education is designed to prepare undergraduate candidates to become highly proficient in the delivery of instruction and services to all school aged children and adolescents with exceptionalities. The program consists of a 48 credit hour major plus a 24 credit hour cognate (in lieu of a minor). Candidates are selected each October to begin studies in the subsequent spring semester as a cohort. Most coursework is offered during daytime hours.

Contact Information

Northeastern Illinois University Transfer Center: Students who have questions about the program prior to admission may contact the Northeastern Transfer Center at (773) 442-4076 or email TransferSteps@neiu.edu.

Special Education Department: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Effie Kritikos at e-kritikos@neiu.edu.

Admission Requirements

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all college or university course work attempted. Students must be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended.
- Required documents are: application for admission, \$30 nonrefundable application fee, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities.
- Additional Admission and application materials, including the option to apply online can be found at www.neiu.edu/Transfer.
- Application deadlines are as follows:

| Semester Applying | Deadline to Apply | International Student Deadline to Apply |
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| Fall | July 15 | June 15 |
| Spring | November 1 | October 1 |
| Summer I | April 1 | March 1 |
| Summer II | May 1 | April 1 |

Admission Requirements for the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education for Special Education

- A spontaneous writing sample and/or interview required at the discretion of the Department.
- A minimum of 20 hours working, volunteering or observing students with disabilities. Documentation must be on agency letterhead.
- A minimum 2.75 GPA
- A minimum 30 semester hours (this can be transfer coursework or courses taken at Northeastern)
- Background check
- **One** of the following test criteria must be met before the anticipated semester of student teaching :
 - Passing scores on the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) www.icts.nesinc.com
 - ACT (taken prior to 9/1/2015), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 19 on Combined English/Writing
 - ACT (taken between 9/1/2015 and 9/9/2016), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 16 on Writing
 - ACT (taken after 9/9/2016), composite score of 22 or higher with a minimum score of 6 on Writing
 - SAT (taken prior to 3/5/2016), composite score of 1030 (Critical Reading and Mathematics = 1030 or higher) with a minimum score of 450 on Writing
 - SAT (taken after 3/5/2016), composite score of 1110 (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics = 1110 or higher) with a minimum score of 26 on Writing and Language

General Education Requirements

Three options are available to students who plan to complete their General Education requirements at South Suburban Community College.

- **Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree:** Students who transfer with an approved Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Model Associate of Arts degree will have met Northeastern Illinois University’s General Education requirements. Students who transfer with an Associate of Science degree granted December 2016 or later may need to take one additional Humanities course and one additional Social and Behavioral Sciences course to meet Northeastern’s General Education requirements.
- **Completion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI):** Students who transfer after completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) will have met their General Education requirements.
- **Transfer Course Lists for South Suburban College:** Students may choose to meet their General Education requirements by selecting courses from Northeastern’s Transfer Course Equivalency Guides, available at: www.neiu.edu/Transfer. **When choosing this option, please use the following Northeastern Illinois University General Education guide:**

| Northeastern Illinois University General Education Program | | |
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| The General Education Program for Special Education requires a minimum of 45 credit hours of courses distributed among 6 areas. | | |
| Northeastern Illinois University Requirement | Credits | South Suburban College Equivalent (if any) |
| Math / Quantitative Reasoning – one course (3 hours) | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This requirement can be met by taking MTH 115 or higher at South Suburban College with a grade of “C” or better. |
| Social / Behavioral Sciences 3 courses (9 hours) | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two courses from the same department may be used. |
| Natural Sciences 3 courses (9 hours) | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two courses from the same department may be used. • One course must have a lab component. |
| Fine Arts 2 courses (6 hours) | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than one course from the same department may be used. |

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| Humanities 3 courses (9 hours) | 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than two courses from the same department may be used. No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement. |
| Non-General Education University Requirements (9-12 hours) | 9-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 101 Composition & Rhetoric at South Suburban College with a grade of “C” or better. ENG 102 Composition & Literature at South Suburban College with a grade of “C” or better. SPE 108 Oral Communication at South Suburban College with a grade of “C” or better. Improving Human Relations requirement – can be met through one of many general education courses. Please see the South Suburban College Transfer Course Equivalency Guide to find courses meeting Human Relations. |

Degree Plan*

| D: Degree GECC: General Education Core Curriculum | | | | | |
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| Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students <i>*All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i> | | | | | |
| D | GECC | Semester 1 | South Suburban College Category | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| • | • | ENG 101 Composition & Rhetoric (3) | Communication | Writing Requirement Teacher Licensure | DO THIS – Meet with advisor to discuss academic goals and plan coursework DO THIS – Visit your campus Advising Center |
| • | • | Social Science Course (3) | Social Science | General Education | |
| • | • | Fine Arts Course (3) | Humanities/Fine Arts | General Education | |
| • | • | Humanities Course (3) | Humanities/Fine Arts | General Education | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| 15 Credit Hours | | | | | |
| D | GECC | Semester 2 | South Suburban College Category | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| • | • | ENG 102 Composition & Literature (3) | Communication | Teacher Licensure | DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Apply to NEIU’s Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) |
| • | • | Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4) | Life/Physical Science | General Education | |
| • | • | College Level MTH Course (3-4) | Mathematics | Math/Quantitative Reasoning | |
| • | • | SPE 108 Oral Communication (3) | Communication | General Education Teacher Licensure | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| 15-17 Credit Hours | | | | | |
| D | GECC | Semester 3 | South Suburban College Category | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| • | • | Life Science or Physical Science Course (3-4) | Life/Physical Science | General Education | DO THIS – Mid-term check-in with advisor DO THIS – Begin seeking additional four year funding DO THIS – Apply for admission to NEIU |
| • | • | Social Science Course (3) | Social Science | General Education | |
| • | • | Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3) | Humanities/Fine Arts | General Education | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| 15-16 Credit Hours | | | | | |

| D | GECC | Semester 4 | South Suburban College Category | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
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| • | • | Social Science Course (3) | Social Science | General Education | DO THIS – Petition to graduate COMPLETION of Associate of Arts Degree DO THIS – Register for NEIU orientation (once admitted) |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| • | | Elective Course (3) | Elective | Elective | |
| | | | | 15 Credit Hours | |
| | | | | MINIMUM TOTAL AA CREDIT HOURS: 60 | |
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Note:

- Students must apply to the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education once they are admitted to Northeastern. See requirements and process on Page 2.
- The Special Education program selects students in October, and each cohort begins taking major classes in the subsequent spring semester. Students should apply to Northeastern for the fall semester and take EDFN 306 during their first semester. Completion of or enrollment in EDFN 306 is a requirement of being admitted to the Special Education program.
- All students who earn an Associate of Arts Degree from South Suburban College enter Northeastern with 64 hours of transfer credit, even if they earned less than 64 credit hours. See the [NEIU Transfer Policy](#) for further information.
- Professional Sequence courses are courses that are a part of the Special Education major and are taken in the sequence listed below.
- Teacher Licensure courses are courses required by the State of Illinois to be licensed to teach Special Education.

| Northeastern Illinois University | | |
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| <i>All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters</i> | | |
| Fall Semester I | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| EDFN 306 Education and Individual Differences | Program Prerequisite | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| 3 Credit Hours | | |
| Spring Semester I | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| EDFN 307 Psychology of Instruction and Learning (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| SCED 311 WIP: School Curriculum (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| SPED 371 WIP: Foundations of Special Education (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Apply for your first clinical experience |
| SPED 372 Development & Characteristics of Children and Youth with Exceptional Learning Needs (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| 12 Credit Hours | | |
| Summer Semester I | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| SPED 382 Strategies for Differentiating Instruction for Students with Exceptional Learning Needs (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| ELED 302 WIP: Foundation of teaching the English Language Arts (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| 6 Credit Hours | | |
| Fall Semester II | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| SPED 383 Informal Assessment and Progress Monitoring (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| SPED 374 Supervised Field Experience I (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| SPED 395 Technology and Special Education (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| ELED 310 Elementary and Middle School Math Methods (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| 12 Credit Hours | | |
| Spring Semester II | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| SPED 384 Instructional Design for Individuals with Exceptional Learning Needs (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| SPED 377 Supervised Field Experience II (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| LTCY 311 Fundamentals of Literacy Instruction (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| SPED 379 Managing Behaviors in the Classroom (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| 12 Credit Hours | | |

| Summer Semester II | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
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| SPED 376 Teaching Learners with Moderate to Severe Disabilities (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| 3 Credit Hours | | DO THIS – Apply for graduation |
| Fall Semester III | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| SPED 323 Consultation in Special Education (3) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| BLBC 340 Teaching English Learners in Diverse Classrooms (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| SPED 385 Community Partnership and Advocacy (2) | Professional Sequence | |
| SPED 316 Professional Development of the Special Educator (1) | Professional Sequence | |
| SCED 303H Methods of Teaching History in the Secondary School (3) | Professional Sequence | |
| 12 Credit Hours | | DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling |
| Spring Semester III | NEIU Category | Next Actions |
| SPED 381 Student Teaching SPED (12) | Professional Sequence | DO THIS – Meet with your Goodwin College of Education advisor |
| 12 Credit Hours | | DO THIS – Meet with Career Services for career counseling |
| BACHELOR'S DEGREE MINIMUM TOTAL: 136 CREDIT HOURS | | |

Financial Aid and Scholarships

For information about financing your education at Northeastern, including Financial Aid and Scholarship opportunities, please see our website: <http://www.neiu.edu/financial-aid/>. You may also contact our Financial Aid Office directly at (773) 442-5016 or email Financial-Aid@neiu.edu. If you are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Northeastern's federal School MVCC e is **001693**.

Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships for TRANSFER students*:

| Scholarship | Amount Awarded | Credit Hour Requirement | GPA Requirement | Residency Requirement | NEIU Enrollment Requirement |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Provost Merit | \$2,000 | 60+ credit hours | 3.50 GPA | Illinois Residency | Full-Time (12+ credit hours) |
| Deans Merit | \$1,000 | 60+ credit hours | 3.0 GPA | Illinois Residency | Full-Time (12+ credit hours) |

Until all of the scholarships are awarded, students who meet these qualifications will automatically be considered for the Provost and Deans Merit Scholarships at the time of applying for admission to Northeastern. Completing an additional application is not necessary. The Office of Scholarships may be reached at (773) 442-4606 or scholarships@neiu.edu.